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for Linda

Though she did it in the driver's seat,
she had the decency to move his truck
from the garage into the woods.

When she pushed the cold metal mouth,
set in a permanent scream,
against her temple, for a few minutes
she did not move, expecting it to stick out
its lead tongue unprovoked.

Pulling the trigger, red knocked into glass
like coffee he once splashed into the window,
assuming it was rolled down.

— It's sureness that makes us spill out of ourselves,
not thinking there will be a barrier.

— When he found her, he was afraid to open
the door, but wasn't that always the problem?